Forensic Science and DNA testing

4441. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Forensic Science and DNA testing are crucial in solving criminal investigations;

(b) whether none of the Universities in the country offer postgraduate/advanced study facilities in Forensic Science except two Universities in the country;

(c) whether the country is lagging behind in DNA testing facilities Which are available only at Kolkata and Hyderabad; and

(d) the steps being taken to upgrade Forensic Science study and DNA testing facilities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University of Sagar, Madhya Pradesh; Punjabi University, Patiala; Osmania University, Hyderabad; Delhi University, Delhi; Banaras Hindu University, Banaras; and Madras University, Chennai are at present offering Post Graduate courses in Forensic Science and post Graduate Diploma courses in Forensic Science and Criminology.

(c) and (d) The Central Government is making sustained efforts to increase the number of Forensic Science Laboratories which can carry out DNA Finger Print examination. Apart from Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Kolkata under the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) and Centre for DNA Fingerprinting, Hyderabad (under Department of Bio-Technology), CFSL, Chandigarh (under BPR&D), Forensic Science Laboratory, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and Forensic Science Laboratory, Gujarat at Ahmedabad are also having facility of DNA Finger Print examination. CFSL, Kolkata has taken up a Research & Development project for creating a Database and for validation of the Highly Polymorphic Loci of Indian Alleles. Under this project seven States are being provided consultancy, basic infrastructure of the laboratory and the required training of the scientific manpower so as to develop them as DNA

Experts. During the year 2001-02 the Government of India allotted required funds under the Modernisation of Police Forces Scheme to the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh for setting up of DNA Testing facilities.

Madarsas in the country

4442. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister jot HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of madarsas operating in Delhi and the country State-wise; ^

.(b) whether reports have been received by Government that some foreign agencies are funding these madarsas and funds are being diverted for Jehad;

(c) whether Government has probed the rise in number of madarsas and increase in their income of late; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,(SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) madarsa is a traditional' institution for religious education. Its functioning is primarily the concern of the State Governments. The data regarding number, income etc. of these institutions is not maintained at the Central Government level. So far as the diversion of foreign funds for Jehad, received by these institutions is concerned, no specific complaints have been received.

Percentage of communities in the population

†4443. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: what is State-wise details of percentage increase or decrease in the population of three main communities of Indian namely Hindu, Muslims and Christians in North Eastern States of the country in the census of 2001 Ws-a-w's the census of 1991?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.